Independence Day Speech

Good morning, dear friends and respected teachers.

As you know, we have gathered here today to celebrate the 80th Independence Day of India—the world's largest democracy and one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world. But behind the success of our nation lies the blood, sweat, courage, and sacrifice of the freedom fighters who fought for the India we proudly call our own today.

The story of India's freedom goes back to the 18th century, when the East India Company was still in its early stages of expanding its control over India. But this expansion was never easy. From the resistance of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan in Mysore, to the long struggle of the Marathas and the rebellions of the Paikas and the Polygar chieftains, the Company faced resistance from many parts of the country. These struggles may not have brought freedom immediately, but they became important chapters in the long fight that was yet to come.

The final and perhaps the most important stage of this struggle began with the Revolt of 1857. Soldiers and civilians from different parts of India rose against British rule. Although the revolt was eventually suppressed, the desire for freedom could not be suppressed. In the years that followed, movements like the Swadeshi Movement, the Non-Cooperation Movement, the Civil Disobedience Movement and finally the Quit India Movement brought millions of Indians into the struggle.

Great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Bhagat Singh, and countless others played their part. But we should also remember the ordinary people whose names may never appear in our history books, yet who sacrificed their comfort, their livelihoods, and sometimes their lives for the freedom of our country.

And after nearly two centuries of British rule, India finally became independent on 15th August, 1947.

But friends, independence was not the end of our responsibility. It was only the beginning.

We inherited a free India, but it is now our responsibility to make India stronger, wiser, more united and better than the India we inherited.

Friends, no nation is perfect on its own, but it is our duty to lead our nation towards perfection.

So, let us not only be proud of our freedom, but also prove that we are worthy of it.

Jai Hind!

Thank you.